Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2013

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 19, 2013, there were 556,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2013, an increase of 1,000 from September 2013 and 14,900 more than the number employed in October 2012.

Agricultural employment was 45,500 persons in October 2013, down 2,000 from the September 2013 level but 1,800 more than the October 2012 agricultural employment level of 43,700. Non-agricultural employment was 511,000 persons in October 2013. This is an increase of 3,000 from the September 2013 non-agriculture employment level of 508,000 and 13,100 more than October 2012.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2013 was 3.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the September 2013 rate of 3.8 percent and 0.9 percentage points lower than the October 2012 level of 4.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 3,000 to 574,300 persons in October 2013 from 577,300 persons in September 2013. This is 9,800 more than the October 2012 labour force of 564,500 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.5 percentage points to 69.1 percent in October 2013 from 69.6 percent in September 2013. The October 2012 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 17,800 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2013. This is a decrease of 4,000 from September 2013 and is 5,000 less than the number unemployed in October 2012.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 557,800 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2013, up 2,300 from the September 2013 level of 555,500 and up 16,900 from the October 2012 employment level of 540,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2013 was 3.6 percent. This is a decrease of 0.7 percentage points from the September 2013 rate of 4.3 percent and 1.0 percentage points lower than the October 2012 rate of 4.6 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 19,000 persons in October 2013 to 17,829,200 persons from 17,848,200 persons in September 2013. In October 2012, there were 17,627,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points in October 2013 to 6.5 percent from the September 2013 level of 6.4 percent. In October 2012, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in October 2013. This is unchanged from September 2013 and 0.5 percentage points lower than the October 2012 level of 7.4 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,066.4	19,066.3	18,895.5	0.1	170.9
Employed ('000)	17,829.2	17,848.2	17,627.6	-19.0	201.6
Full-Time ('000)	14,441.0	14,500.0	14,312.5	-59.0	128.5
Part-Time ('000)	3,388.1	3,348.2	3,315.1	39.9	73.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,237.2	1,218.1	1,267.9	19.1	-30.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.4	6.7	0.1	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	6.9	7.4	0.0	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	66.3	66.5	-0.1	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	574.3	577.3	564.5	-3.0	9.8
Employed ('000)	556.5	555.5	541.6	1.0	14.9
Full-Time ('000)	461.8	465.1	452.8	-3.3	9.0
Part-Time ('000)	94.7	90.4	88.9	4.3	5.8
Unemployed ('000)	17.8	21.8	22.8	-4.0	-5.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1	3.8	4.0	-0.7	-0.9
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.6	4.3	4.6	-0.7	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.6	69.3	-0.5	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	2,333.6	2,333.9	2,253.2	-0.3	80.4
Employed ('000)	2,233.6	2,239.2	2,161.0	-5.6	72.6
Full-Time ('000)	1,844.1	1,881.5	1,807.7	-37.4	36.4
Part-Time ('000)	389.6	357.7	353.3	31.9	36.3
Unemployed ('000)	100.0	94.7	92.2	5.3	7.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	72.9	72.8	-0.2	-0.1
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	666.2	669.8	663.3	-3.6	2.9
Employed ('000)	631.2	635.0	630.4	-3.8	0.8
Full-Time ('000)	505.4	508.3	510.2	-2.9	-4.8
Part-Time ('000)	125.8	126.7	120.3	-0.9	5.5
Unemployed ('000)	35.0	34.8	32.9	0.2	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	5.0	0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.6	68.7	-0.4	-0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	574.3	577.3	564.5	-3.0	9.8
Male	312.7	314.8	306.8	-2.1	5.9
Female	261.6	262.5	257.7	-0.9	3.9
15-24 Years of Age	87.8	89.1	89.6	-1.3	-1.8
25+ Years of age	486.5	488.2	474.8	-1.7	11.7
EMPLOYED ('000)	556.5	555.5	541.6	1.0	14.9
Male	303.4	304.2	294.5	-0.8	8.9
Female	253.0	251.3	247.1	1.7	5.9
15-24 Years of Age	82.4	81.0	81.1	1.4	1.3
25+ Years of age	474.1	474.5	460.5	-0.4	13.6
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	17.8	21.8	22.8	-4.0	-5.0
Male	9.3	10.5	12.3	-1.2	-3.0
Female	8.5	11.2	10.6	-2.7	-2.1
15-24 Years of Age	5.4	8.1	8.5	-2.7	-3.1
25+ Years of age	12.4	13.7	14.3	-1.3	-1.9
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.1	3.8	4.0	-0.7	-0.9
Male	3.0	3.3	4.0	-0.3	-1.0
Female	3.2	4.3	4.1	-1.1	-0.9
15-24 Years of Age	6.2	9.1	9.5	-2.9	-3.3
25+ Years of age	2.5	2.8	3.0	-0.3	-0.5
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.1	69.6	69.3	-0.5	-0.2
Male	75.4	76.1	75.7	-0.7	-0.3
Female	62.7	63.0	62.9	-0.3	-0.2
15-24 Years of Age	64.2	65.2	65.6	-1.0	-1.4
25+ Years of age	70.0	70.4	70.0	-0.4	0.0

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	45.5	47.5	43.7	-2.0	1.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.2	23.9	25.6	0.3	-1.4
Utilities	6.7	6.6	5.8	0.1	0.9
Construction	52.1	50.1	47.3	2.0	4.8
Manufacturing	28.5	28.8	27.3	-0.3	1.2
Trade	82.0	78.2	82.8	3.8	-0.8
Transportation and Warehousing	28.5	28.0	25.6	0.5	2.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.6	29.4	30.2	0.2	-0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.6	26.8	25.1	-0.2	1.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.7	13.6	13.8	-0.9	-1.1
Educational Services	47.8	45.1	43.4	2.7	4.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	71.2	74.5	70.0	-3.3	1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.6	19.5	17.2	-0.9	1.4
Accommodation and Food Services	29.7	32.5	27.8	-2.8	1.9
Other Services	23.3	22.5	25.2	0.8	-1.9
Public Administration	29.4	28.4	30.8	1.0	-1.4
Total	556.5	555.5	541.6	1.0	14.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	461.8	465.1	452.8	-3.3	9.0
Part-Time	94.7	90.4	88.9	4.3	5.8
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	451.6	447.5	435.6	4.1	16.0
Public Sector	140.2	137.4	139.2	2.8	1.0
Private Sector	311.5	310.1	296.4	1.4	15.1
Self-Employed	104.9	108.0	106.1	-3.1	-1.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,829.2	17,848.2	17,627.6	-19.0	201.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	235.2	236.1	234.1	-0.9	1.1
Prince Edward Island	75.1	75.8	74.1	-0.7	1.0
Nova Scotia	453.7	459.3	460.0	-5.6	-6.3
New Brunswick	353.1	359.0	352.0	-5.9	1.1
Quebec	4,079.4	4,054.2	4,044.3	25.2	35.1
Ontario	6,900.5	6,913.6	6,804.1	-13.1	96.4
Manitoba	631.2	635.0	630.4	-3.8	0.8
Saskatchewan	556.5	555.5	541.6	1.0	14.9
Alberta	2,233.6	2,239.2	2,161.0	-5.6	72.6
British Columbia	2,311.0	2,320.4	2,326.0	-9.4	-15.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.5	6.4	6.7	0.1	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	10.2	8.6	10.6	1.6	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	9.5	9.6	10.0	-0.1	-0.5
Nova Scotia	8.5	7.8	8.5	0.7	0.0
New Brunswick	9.2	9.0	9.9	0.2	-0.7
Quebec	6.7	6.7	6.9	0.0	-0.2
Ontario	7.1	7.0	7.5	0.1	-0.4
Manitoba	5.3	5.2	5.0	0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	3.1	3.8	4.0	-0.7	-0.9
Alberta	4.3	4.1	4.1	0.2	0.2
British Columbia	6.1	6.3	6.0	-0.2	0.1

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,793.9	17,780.7	17,580.1	13.2	213.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	234.7	230.7	233.1	4.0	1.6
Prince Edward Island	74.3	73.4	72.5	0.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	452.8	456.1	455.8	-3.3	-3.0
New Brunswick	350.1	352.6	349.1	-2.5	1.0
Quebec	4,047.9	4,013.8	4,023.4	34.1	24.5
Ontario	6,903.7	6,918.4	6,798.0	-14.7	105.7
Manitoba	631.0	634.0	628.2	-3.0	2.8
Saskatchewan	557.8	555.5	540.9	2.3	16.9
Alberta	2,237.1	2,236.4	2,162.3	0.7	74.8
British Columbia	2,304.5	2,309.8	2,316.8	-5.3	-12.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.9	6.9	7.4	0.0	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.0	10.4	11.9	0.6	-0.9
Prince Edward Island	10.7	11.0	11.6	-0.3	-0.9
Nova Scotia	9.1	8.6	9.2	0.5	-0.1
New Brunswick	10.1	10.7	11.6	-0.6	-1.5
Quebec	7.5	7.6	7.6	-0.1	-0.1
Ontario	7.4	7.3	8.2	0.1	-0.8
Manitoba	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Saskatchewan	3.6	4.3	4.6	-0.7	-1.0
Alberta	4.4	4.3	4.4	0.1	0.0
British Columbia	6.5	6.7	6.6	-0.2	-0.1

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	5.8	5.7	6.9	0.1	-1.1
Halifax	6.4	6.4	5.4	0.0	1.0
Saint John	8.7	9.8	8.8	-1.1	-0.1
Quebec	4.5	4.4	4.9	0.1	-0.4
Montreal	7.9	8.1	8.0	-0.2	-0.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	6.9	6.6	-0.5	-0.2
Greater Sudbury	7.1	7.2	6.7	-0.1	0.4
Toronto	8.3	8.6	8.8	-0.3	-0.5
Winnipeg	6.1	6.5	5.7	-0.4	0.4
Regina	3.6	3.7	4.1	-0.1	-0.5
Saskatoon	4.4	4.8	4.9	-0.4	-0.5
Calgary	4.8	4.9	4.8	-0.1	0.0
Edmonton	5.3	5.3	4.3	0.0	1.0
Vancouver	6.6	7.1	7.0	-0.5	-0.4
Victoria	5.1	5.3	5.7	-0.2	-0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	178.1	179.9	172.6	-1.8	5.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	51.2	51.8	49.6	-0.6	1.6
Saskatoon-Biggar	194.3	194.8	184.1	-0.5	10.2
Yorkton-Melville	36.9	37.3	38.1	-0.4	-1.2
Prince Albert & Northern	98.4	97.8	99.6	0.6	-1.2

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2013	September 2013	October 2012	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	582.6	587.7	569.0	-5.1	13.6
Employed ('000)	559.5	561.6	543.8	-2.1	15.7
Unemployed ('000)	23.1	26.1	25.2	-3.0	-2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.4	4.4	-0.4	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	70.9	69.9	-0.7	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.4	67.8	66.8	-0.4	0.6
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	533.8	537.9	523.5	-4.1	10.3
Employed ('000)	515.8	517.8	503.8	-2.0	12.0
Unemployed ('000)	17.9	20.1	19.7	-2.2	-1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.7	3.8	-0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.2	70.5	-0.7	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	68.1	68.5	67.9	-0.4	0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	48.9	49.8	45.5	-0.9	3.4
Employed ('000)	43.7	43.9	39.9	-0.2	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	6.0	5.6	-0.8	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	12.0	12.2	-1.4	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	68.6	63.7	-1.4	3.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	60.4	55.9	-0.4	4.1
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Labour Force ('000)	19.8	20.1	18.5	-0.3	1.3
Employed ('000)	16.7	16.4	15.3	0.3	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	3.7	3.1	-0.6	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.8	18.5	16.9	-2.7	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	62.8	59.0	-0.9	2.9
Employment Rate (%)	52.2	51.2	49.0	1.0	3.2
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Labour Force ('000)	29.0	29.7	26.8	-0.7	2.2
Employed ('000)	27.0	27.5	24.4	-0.5	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.1	2.3	2.4	-0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.6	8.9	-0.5	-1.8
Participation Rate (%)	71.3	73.2	67.2	-1.9	4.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	67.6	61.2	-1.4	5.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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